

# Master Watershed Steward Projects

Participating in a project demonstrates understanding and application of watershed stewardship principles and practices. Project assistance can be provided by Extension faculty, a local watershed council, a Soil and Water Conservation District, or another natural resource-focused agency or organization.

Projects may include, but are not limited to:

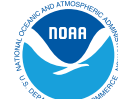
- 1 Complete an enhancement project on personal property or public land in watershed.
- 2 Create a management plan for personal property or a larger watershed area.
- 3 Monitor or assess natural resources in a watershed, using methods approved by the appropriate agency or OSU.
- 4 Plan, host, or deliver a watershed stewardship education event (or events).
- 5 Use the group-process methods to help a group be more successful in its work.



For more information, contact the Watershed Education Program Associate at [watersheds@oregonstate.edu](mailto:watersheds@oregonstate.edu) or 541-737-8715.

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# Become a Master Watershed Steward



# What is a Master Watershed Steward?

Master Watershed Stewards (MWS) are volunteers with special training from the Oregon State University/Oregon Sea Grant WE (Watershed Education) Team. MWS serve their communities by becoming points of contact and rich local resources, and by completing a watershed project. They can support watershed groups with similar goals, and have a better ability to discuss watershed concepts with natural resource agencies, policy makers, and others.

# How do I become a Master Watershed Steward?

Master Watershed Stewards must complete 80 total hours of training and project time; including training on at least six of these eight core watershed concepts.

- Watershed Processes
- Stream Ecology
- Soils, Erosion, and Conservation
- Riparian-area Management and Restoration
- Stream Assessment and Restoration
- Wetland Evaluation and Enhancement
- Water Quality and Monitoring Methods
- Working Together to Create Successful Groups



Core concept classes will be offered at Water Schools and other WE Team-led sessions. Additional training hours can be completed by attending other Oregon State University (OSU) watershed-related trainings and relevant non-OSU trainings, as approved by the WE Team.

To find out more about Water Schools and upcoming training dates, visit <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/watershed/>

